AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity) Docket No. Applicant(s): WALKER et al. 02-040 Serial No. Filing Date Examiner Group Art Unit 10/685,143 October 14, 2003 JONES, Scott E. 3713 Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OUTPUTTING A MESSAGE AT A GAME MACHINE JUN 0 1 2004 TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted. A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED CLAIMS REMAINING** HIGHEST # NUMBER EXTRA **ADDITIONAL** RATE AFTER AMENDMENT PREV. PAID FOR **CLAIMS PRESENT** FEE TOTAL CLAIMS 45 55 0 | x\$9.00 \$0.00 INDEP. CLAIMS 11 13 0 \$43.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) \$0.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT No additional fee is required for amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271 Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. Dated: May 28, 2004 Michael D. Downs

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AMENDMENT and RESPONSE

to the Office Action mailed May 27, 2004 (Paper No. 7)

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 27, 2004 (Paper No. 7), please consider the following remarks.

This document is filed by Applicants' representative on behalf of the present Applicants for patent. Accordingly, references in this document to "we," "us," "our," and the like will be understood as indicating the present Applicants.